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Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions relevant to cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,

Recalling also article 3 of the Charter of the League of Arab States,[1] which entrusts the Council of the League with the function of determining the means whereby it will collaborate with international organizations to guarantee international peace and security, and organize and strengthen relations in all fields,

Taking into consideration the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace",[2] and in particular section VII concerning cooperation with regional organizations, and the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Supplement to an Agenda for Peace",[3]

Recognizing the need for further strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in the pursuit of the common goals and objectives of the two organizations,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[4]

Commending the resolutions and recommendations of the thirteenth sectoral meeting between the United Nations and the League of Arab States and their specialized organizations, held in Cairo in October 2017, on the theme "Cooperation

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 70, No. 241.
[2] A/47/277-S/24111.
[3] A/50/60-S/1995/1.
[4] A/71/160-S/2016/621 and Add.1.

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on the preservation and management of water resources in the Arab region", as well as the fourteenth general cooperation meeting between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, held in Geneva in July 2018, at which challenges and threats undermining international peace and stability, as well as the strengthening of joint cooperation in all areas between the two organizations, were addressed,

Welcoming the formation of the high-level working group to follow up on the implementation of the provisions of the protocol of amendment of the text of the cooperation agreement between the two organizations, which held its first meeting in Geneva in July 2018, at which participants agreed that cooperation between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States in practical terms had reached an advanced stage, that the concerned parties would make further efforts to strengthen cooperative ties in the future, and that the opening of a liaison office to the League of Arab States in Cairo would support and consolidate their partnership in the fields addressed in the protocol;

1. *Welcomes* the fact that Egypt has agreed to the opening of the United Nations liaison office to the League of Arab States in Cairo with the aim of improving the effectiveness of cooperation between the two organizations, and requests that the Secretariat of the United Nations coordinate with Egypt to expedite the opening of the office and, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the League of Arab States, to finish preparing and adopt the terms of reference defining the functions and mandate of the United Nations office; and, in that context, requests the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to continue convening meetings of the high-level working group to follow up on the implementation of the provisions of the protocol, until the liaison office is opened in Cairo;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to continue their periodic consultations, at all levels, in order to exchange information, and review and strengthen coordination and follow-up mechanisms, particularly in the political and security fields;

3. *Emphasizes* that it is crucial and important to intensify coordination between the League of Arab States and the two United Nations special envoys addressing the current crises in the Arab region, with a view to reaching a more comprehensive understanding of the crises in the region, strengthening the capacity of the two organizations and developing effective solutions through joint action;

4. *Calls upon* United Nations specialized agencies, programmes and institutions to continue their interaction with their counterparts from Arab organizations and institutions and to improve mechanisms for consultation with them, in order to implement mutually agreed projects and programmes and to make the greatest possible use of Arab institutions and their technical expertise in implementing projects in the Arab region;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of holding the fourteenth sectoral meeting between the two organizations and their specialized agencies, to be held at the Headquarters of the League of Arab States in 2019, for which the dates and theme will be agreed by the two secretariats in due course, and the fifteenth general cooperation meeting between the two organizations, to be held at the United Nations centre in Vienna in 2020, for which the dates will be agreed by the two secretariats in due course;

6. *Calls upon* the specialized agencies, organizations and programmes of the United Nations to inform the Secretary-General, no later than January 2020, of the progress made in their cooperation with the League of Arab States and, in particular, the implementation of the multilateral decisions and programmes adopted at the fourteenth general cooperation meeting between the two organizations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".